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Awaken to Enormity Of Crimes Of the House Fly



If ten terrible monsters came every spring to this country and all summer long devoured the people, chewing babies as we eat blackberries biting off the heads of young men, going the aged to death and stalking about among us as a lion among the martyrs of the Coliseum, we should be up and doing, militia would march forth to give them battle, colonels would wave swords, guns would belch and no enthusiasm would be lacking. But when the monster is small and playful and common we let him ravage. He doesn't somehow appeal to our imagination. Yet he does more harm, being 10,000,000,000 or so, than any ten minotaur, polyphemus or dragons that ever posed in the pages of tradition. He is the common house fly. Although much has been said about him and his deadliness, the people are not yet alive to the enormity of his crimes. There are thousands of kitchens where flies still swarm and infect the food, thousands of babies over whose faces and upon whose lips flies spread their poison, thousands of restaurants and lunch counters where flies are busy at the work of thinning out the human race.

WHY HAVE THE MOSQUITO?

While citizens are organizing to strike down evil and comfort and sustain the good and the beautiful, why allow the mosquito to escape? If not as dangerous in these parts as the fly, he is even more easily assailable. He can and should be put down. He restricts life when life would be exuberant, at full tide. He arises to drive the gardener from his garden, the lover from the tree lined walk, and folk in their leisure from the places of favored diversion. He phases humanity behind screens when fireflies and whippoorwill, stars and fragrant breeze invite to outdoors. He leaves the irritant of his poisons to distract the mind which otherwise might mount restfully above the irks and dust and glare of day. He exists by sufferance. He operates within short distance of the place where he was born. His pasture is the locality which was indifferent enough to furnish his cradle. From it to his dinner table is a short flight. For birth he needs standing water. A neglected water barrel, a pool, an undrained marsh, a puddle—water anywhere if it stands two weeks—will do. Drainage where it is possible and kerosene where it is not will rid a neighborhood of the unnecessary disturber of summer night's peace and restore the outdoors to folks. Communities by organizing against the mosquito could exterminate him. What could be done at Panama can be done anywhere.

—Chicago Tribune

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WORLD NEWS

Gambling Rampant in Germany

The newspapers of Germany take great pride in the fact that the Germans are able to pay out \$25,000 admission money and \$200,000 through the official betting machine at the recent races at Karlsruhe. Barber shops and cigar stores throughout Germany act as racing agents in placing bets for great numbers of women and girls and also for the sale of lottery tickets.

Lipton Builds More Shamrocks

The report prevails in London circles that Sir Thomas Lipton is building two racing yachts, the best one of which will be sent to America in the hope that it may defeat American built vessels, and so take back the racing cup to England.

Will England Crush Ulster?

Sir Edward Carson and other members of the Ulster Council have published a signed statement to the effect that the parliamentary majority has engineered a plot that aims to suppress by force the anti-Home Rule movement. It was this movement that caused the revolt of the army officers, who do not consider that it is part of their military duties to assist a Parliamentary majority to retain its hold on government by the services of the military and the display of armed force. It was their idea that the Parliamentary majority is to retain its power by virtue of ballots bestowed without intimidation and a free choice, rather than by the use of the military arm of the government.

Italy Has Labor Troubles

The Railway strike in Italy has involved the whole government. Various movements of warships and troops are on foot. Ammunition and ambulance equipment have been served out. A military train has been robbed of dynamite. The seamen have come into league with the railway men. Already more than eighty steamships are idle. If the government should call upon the reserve to take the place of strikers on the railroad, the socialists are proposing a general strike throughout the country.

The White Race in the Pacific

Plans are forming for a conference between the authorities of Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada with regard to the race problem on the Pacific. It is contended that the maintenance of the supremacy of the white race on the Pacific is a problem that is now upon us and that will be decided within the next ten years.

Great Mohammedan University

The great Mohammedan University located in the midst of Arabia at the city of Medina is now nearing completion. This institution is intended to displace the one at Cairo, Egypt, which has been the headquarters for the orthodoxy of the Moslem religion, occupying to it much the same relation that Oxford does to the Church of England.

It is located in the midst of Arabia that it may, as far as possible, be removed from the influence of Christians, who, through the Egyptian government, have exerted an influence in the interpretation of the Koran that is displeasing to many of the religious teachers of Moslem, which now has between 200,000,000 and 300,000,000 adherents.

Germany Asks for More Millions for Army

The German army league has begun an agitation for an additional \$250,000,000 for army purposes to protect the country against imagined French and Russian hostile purposes. This demand is awakening intense excitement throughout the country.

HERE IS AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL CITIES.

WHEN a city has attained to such a standard of cleanliness that it hasn't enough flies to feed its pet chameleons it has made long strides toward the ideal of flylessness preached by modern sanitarians. That was Cleveland's case, according to an article in the Survey describing the anti-fly campaign which had been waged in that city. A man who has six of the curious little reptiles has written the fly fighting headquarters this plaintive letter:

You have brought about a famine in flies. My pets are starving. There are no flies to be had about my house, and my neighbors can't seem to help me out. I'll pay, and pay well, for every live fly your children can bring me. And he did.

Keep Cool

The situation in Mexico justifies the show of force on the part of our government.

The arrest of marines landing on Mexican soil, from a boat flying the American flag, is the climax of a series of affronts which have been patiently endured.

Feeling runs high throughout the country. It is a good time, however, to keep cool—war has not yet been declared and it may not come.

The seizure of the custom houses at Vera Cruz and Tampico are acts of force that should bring the Mexican people to their senses.

They have abundant assurance that we wish them well. We want better conditions below the Rio Grande. We want a republic that is one in fact as well as name.

We do not want a war with Mexico, but the world holds us responsible for a condition of stability, where property and person are secure; where usurpers are not allowed to seize the power, and where revolutions do not occur with the change of the seasons. The better people of Mexico want the same. Let our people keep cool! Let the Mexican people awaken to the opportunity that has come their way to be a republic in fact as well as in name.

Kill This Winter Fly That May Become Ancestor to Countless Others.



Flies multiply rapidly. One fly can become the ancestor to several billion other flies in a single season. The importance of exterminating the winter fly is apparent. It is something that the individual housekeeper must do. Be sure to kill the first flies of the season. Don't let one escape, as every fly killed in early spring means billions less of the pest this summer.

Flies Kill More Than Wars.

DISEASES that have been traced to the fly, with total number of deaths from each in the city of New York for five years, are as follows:

Typhoid fever	66
Tuberculosis (all kinds)	10,252
Cholera infantum	6,386
Cerebro-spinal meningitis	404
Diphtheria	1,529
Scarlet fever	1,628
Bronchitis	1,488
Smallpox	2

HAVE YOUR SWATTER READY!

CLEAN up, keep clean and see that your neighbors do likewise and you will have few, if any, flies to contend with. Of course have your swatter ready for the first arrivals. Swat the early flies and save yourself much swatting later. If at first you don't succeed, swat, swat again!

THE KENTUCKY EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Louisville, April 29, 30, May 1, 2.

Following close upon the great conference for education in the south which met at Louisville last week, which was in many respects the most notable educational meeting ever held in the south, comes the Kentucky Educational Association which will begin its sessions on Wednesday evening, April 29, and continue till Saturday noon, May 2.

The Scope of the Ministry, Dr. E. Y. Mullins, President Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. The Part of the Commercial Interests, Mr. F. M. Gettys, President Kentucky Bankers' Association, Louisville. The Trend of Farmers' Organizations, Hon. Johnson N. Camden, Farmer, Versailles. The Function of the Woman's Club, Mrs. R. E. Lacy, President Kentucky Federation of Women's Clubs, Franklin.

The Aim of the Medical Association, Dr. A. T. McCormack, Secretary State Board of Health, Bowling Green. What Depends on the Teacher? Dr. Wm. G. Frost, President Berea College, Berea.

Address, Dr. Henry Suzzallo, Professor of Education, Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City. Address, Dr. A. E. Winship, Editor Journal of Education, Boston, Mass. It will be to the advantage of every teacher in Kentucky to attend this meeting. Whether we enjoy all the speeches or not we must agree that there is some degree of inspiration in merely getting together and hearing some of the problems of education discussed by men and women who know.

American Warships Blockade Mexico

Vera Cruz Captured by U. S. Marines

The refusal of the demand for public apology by the forces of Huerta to the U. S. government for various insults and indignities offered by the government of Huerta, has been followed by a blockade of Vera Cruz. In his message to Congress asking the sanction of the government for the use of armed force, President Wilson cites a long list of indignities for which the U. S. government has been singled out by the Mexican usurper, that other foreign nations have been spared. The purpose of the United States is not to bring war upon Mexico, but to obtain full recognition of the rights and dignity of the United States from Huerta and his adherents.

The diplomatic representatives of various governments in Mexico are

bringing pressure to bear upon Huerta to secure compliance with the demands of the American government.

The announcement is made that as a result of a conference between Carranza and Villa that the rebels will take no part in opposing the United States as long as rebel territory is not invaded.

Rear Admiral Fletcher ordered United States marines to land at Vera Cruz early Tuesday afternoon. The Mexicans opened fire, killing four and wounding twenty. The marines returned the fire and the battleship Utah opened fire with three-inch guns. The Mexican loss is not known, but it is estimated that 200 were killed. The United States soldiers now hold the city.

UNITED STATES NEWS IN OUR OWN STATE

Distillers Offer to Sell Mailing List

At the opening of the arguments on the Hobson prohibition resolutions before the house judiciary committee April 15, Representative Hobson opened the argument in favor of his resolution proposing the prohibition constitutional amendment. He said the resolution represents the sentiment of the believers in "organized morality."

A letter was read by William H. Anderson, president of the Anti-Saloon league, which he received from the president of the Keeley liquor cure company of Dwight, Illinois. This letter was signed and sent to Keeley company by the Kentucky Distillers' Distributing company of Kansas City, and was an admission by the distillery company that its customers are prospective patrons of the dipsomania sanitarium. They propose to furnish the names of 50,000 individuals, regular, live, and active consumers of liquor. The names would be furnished at the following price: 40,000 to 50,000, \$400; 20,000, \$300; 10,000, \$200. No lists would be furnished in lots of less than 10,000. They say that the discontinuance of business January 1, 1915, is the occasion of their selling their mailing list.

Attempt to Assassinate New York's Mayor

As Mayor John Purroy Mitchel of New York left the city hall in an automobile with several city officials an old man named Michael P. Mahoney, because of fancied grievances against the administration, fired a shot at him. The bullet missed him, however, and entered the left cheek of Mr. Polk, one of the party, coming out the right cheek. The wound will not prove serious unless infection sets in.

Three Thousand Cattle Burned

Fire swept over three blocks in Peoria, Ill., destroying the cattle feeding barns and a block of baled hay belonging to the Nelson Morris Packing Company.

Of the six thousand cattle housed in the barns, three thousand of them burned. The others were turned loose, some of them plunged into the river and swam to the other side. The loss is estimated at \$400,000.

Troops and Strikers Battle

Striking coal miners and Colorado National guardsmen fought for fourteen hours in Ludlow, near Trinidad, resulting in the death of thirteen men, eleven of whom were strikers, one a soldier, and one a noncombatant. All telephone wires are down and telegraphic service is limited to one railroad wire. The military force numbers one hundred, while it is said there are four hundred armed strikers.

Chinese Smuggler Caught

George La Tour, so called "king of smugglers," was caught in the act of smuggling some Chinamen across the border at Detroit, Mich. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three years in the Detroit house of correction. He told at length how the smuggling was done, and said that the owners of many Chinese laundries in Windsor are engaged in the trade. He further said that three or four thousand dollars can be made a year at the game and that his wife will not be in want while he is in jail.

A Million for Penny

Former Manager John G. Smyth, of the Consolidation Coal Co., and others, are starting the preliminary work on a million-dollar coal plant at Penny, just beyond the Letcher County line in Pike County. The development will mean the building of a good-sized industrial city and work is already begun. Six hundred houses, including some business blocks, will be built.

To Help the Children

Dr. J. A. Stucky, the Lexington doctor who has done so much for the sick in Eastern Kentucky, will leave for Oneida, Clay County, April 24, to hold a clinic for the examination and treatment of eye and ear diseases of children in the school there and in the surrounding country.

Dr. Stucky will be assisted by Miss Linda Neville and two trained nurses.

Editor Goes to School

Mr. Joe A. Jackson, managing editor of the Winchester Sun, has resigned from his position and plans to study at the Pulitzer School of Journalism at Columbia University. The day of the old fashioned editor who chases news, writes editorials, sets type and then goes out to hunt up back subscriptions is all but gone.

Spoilsman to Run Again

The Hon. J. C. Cantrill, whose political ideas were so well expressed by the letter recently published in the Citizen, is circulating petitions for his renomination for the Democratic candidacy for Congressman. This year, however, the old style spoilsman is having very keen opposition, and judge J. M. Benton, the fearless boulder prosecutor, Elwood Hamilton, administration floor leader in the last legislature, J. W. Cammack, John W. Douglass, Emmett M. Dickson, Matt Savage Walton, and Judge Samuel M. Wilson are all reported to be candidates.

Powers Wants to Keep Job

Representative Caleb Powers has announced his intention to run for Congress again. The statement is not his official announcement, but he said: "It is my intention to be a candidate for Congress, I expect to make my formal announcement not later than June 1, and at that time will give my reasons for entering the race."

It is reported that Mr. Powers will have the vote of the rank and file of the Republicans in his district, and that many Progressives will also support him.

Kentucky Prepares for War

The prospect of war in Mexico has roused the militia in Kentucky to unusual efforts. Night drills are reported all over the state. Many companies state that they can leave on 24 hours' notice.

The War Department will expect Kentucky to furnish 6,800 men if a call for militia is issued.

Mayo on Road to Recovery

The serious illness of John C. C. Mayo, the timber magnate of Paintsville, seems to have turned for the better. His temperature and heart beat are again normal and it is expected that he will soon be able to be removed from the Jewish Hospital at Cincinnati to his home. The doctors attribute his improved condition to the sacrifice of his brother, Washington Mayo, who gave more than a quart of his own blood to be poured into the veins of the patient.